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NEW YEAR'S RECEPTIONS .- Notice to Readers We shall not undertake to prepare this year a general list of those who will receive on New Year's day. We have come to this conclusion because of the fact that in an effort to do so it is impossible to avoid omitting the names of some persons who might regard such an oversight as a slight, as well as to avoid the insertion of those of others who do not desire such publicity, even though they will be glad to see their friends on that occasion. We will, therefore, print in Tuesday's paper, for the benefit of those interested, a list of such names only as may be furnished by the parties themselves or their friends, so that the matter may rest on a proper footing. These announcements, which we will be very glad to receive and publish in brief form, should give the names of the ladies who will assist in each case, and the number of the residence, and they should be accompained also by a responsible signature as a guarantee of authenticity. They may be sent in at any time hereafter, but must be in hand before eleven o'clock Tuesday morning to secure insertion

INTERNAL REVENUE .- The receipts from this source to-day were \$157,596 93. THE AFTEROON RECEPTIONS Of Mrs. Grant

will commence on Saturday, January 11, and be contined every Saturday afternoon, from three to five o'clock, until further orders. NEWS OF THE YANTIC .- The Navy Depart-

ment has received information that the U. S. steamer Yantic, Commander Byron Wilson, arrived at Aden, Arabia, on the 23d of November, via Suez Canal. All well on board. MR. FREDERICK WATTS, JR., son of the commissioner of agriculture, has been designated

as chief clerk of the department, vice J. W.

Swank, who recently resigned, to take effect January 1, 1873. THE U. S. STEAMER CALIFORNIA has sailed from San Francisco for Honolulu, to be present in case of a possible emergency arising on the question of succession to the throne of the Sand-

wich Islands, in which protection to American citizens might be required. SENATE CONFIRMATION RECALLED .- The Senate, just before the adjournment last week, passed a resolution in Executive session recalling their confirmation of the nomination of Samuel Bard to be postmaster at Chattanooga, Tenn., and the nomination now stands before that body the same as before any action was

SENATOR SUMNER is better in health than he was at the time of the adjournment of Congress last week, and takes his usual out-door exercise daily. The report telegraphed from this city to New York that his health is so precarious that his physician visits him twice a day, is without any foundation. Dr. W. P. Johnson, his at tending physician, calls to see him regularly, as he has been in the habit of doing for some

GENERAL BUTLER has greatly offended some of his republican colleagues by inspiring a certain published statement reflecting upon Messrs. Dawes, Colfax and Wilson in concection with the credit mobilier scandal, and he will probably be called to account when the House of Representatives reassembles. Butler is very bitter against Dawes, and declares his intention to spare no pains to defeat him for the senatorship and bring him into disgrace with the peo-ple of Massachusetts - N. Y. Post Special.

THE RAWLINS STATUE .- The compaission to select a statue of the late Gen. Rawlins, mentioned in THE STAR of yesterday, have approved of the design of Mr. J. A. Bailey, and he will be authorized to make the model immediately. Should that be approved by the commission, the work will be given to him. The statue will be of bronze, and is to represent Gen. Rawlins in full uniform, his left hand resting upon the handle of his sword, and his

right hand holding a field glass. SINCE the abolition of the export bonded warehouses the exporters have found some difficulty in carrying out the details of their business. To obviate these difficulties the Commissioner of Internal Revenue authorizes the examination of packages of tobacco at the port of export, and in case of departure of the vessel by which the tobacco was to be exported before its arrival at the port of export such tobacco may go by another vessel or to another port. Drawback of tax on tobacco withdrawn is also allowed as in case of withdrawal from

manufactures. No HALF HOLIDAYS .- All the government clerks in Washington are required to work but half a day during the holidays except those of the State department and the Patent office Gen. Leggett, commissioner of patents, states that the work of his bureau is such that it must be kept up, and that had he allowed the half holiday it would have got so far behind that it would have taken his small clerical force several months to make up for the lost time. He says that he could not conscientiously allow his clerks the haif holiday, and he therefore renested the Secretary of the Interior to exempt his office from the operation of the rule ap-

plying to other clerks in the department. GOSSIP ABOUT GEN. SCHENCE .- The last London letter of M. D. Conway in the Cincinnati Commercial says: "The Emma mining company case, which was to have been tried about this time, has been, as many expected, privately adjusted without any hearing in court. As is but natural, the belief of the Inns is, that the revelations which were impending concerning Gen. Schenck rendered it necessary that the matter should be hushed up and compromised at any cost. But the American minister has a pretty good reputation for common sense, and he must see that the suppression of the case has lost him a valuable opportunity of showing to the world a clear page in an affair where many a blot is suspected."

COMPLIMENT TO A RETIRING BURBAU OFFI. ER .- The President has accepted the resignation of Gen. Francis A. Walker, commissioner of Indian affairs, to take effect February 1st, 1873, which virtually gives the general a month's leave of absence, with pay. Gen. R. B. Cowen, assistant, and at present acting Secretary of the Interior, in a letter to Gen. Walker te-day, informing him of the acceptance of his resignation, says: "In severing your official connection with the department, I desire to assure you of the regret I feel at the separation, and of the great loss to the public service of one who has administered the responsible duties of so difficult an office with such fidelity, energy, and intelligence, and whose personal relations with the department have been so uniformly agreeable and satisfactory. To your new field of labor you will carry my heartfelt wishes for your entire success and happiness."

GENEVA AWARD AND THE UNDERWRITERS. Editor Star: I regret to observe in THE STAR of yesterday an article, attributed to the New York Tribune, which questions the propriety of insurance companies participating in the indemnity fund awarded by the Geneva board for spoliations by confederate cruisers on American commerce; and the Tribune is represented as anticipating "a general feeling of disappointment if it should turn out that all our diplomatic finesse and figuring had resulted in a benefit only to the insurance companies of the country." If "the insurance companies of the country" were so liberal as to take the entire risk of all the adventures at sea embraced in the award, and in they paid all the losses in full, (the only hypothesis whereupon they can possibly become the only beueficiaries.) then nothing but a spirit of envy or a disposition to defeat the ends of justice can interpose to deprive these useful interpose to deprive these useful interpose to deprive these useful interposes. stitutions of all or any of the rights which in law and custom have been accorded them for centuries, and never seriously denied. Who will deny to the private individuals, owners of the Tribune, the amount of insurance accruing to them on account of the decease of Mr. Gree ley? The amount is only so much salvage out of the investment made from the revenues of of the investment made from the revenues of the office, and every dollar gained is a loss to the individuals whose money is invested in the companies wherein his life was insured. The capital of insurance companies represents men of affluence, widows, orphans, and other benediciary institutions. Their profits and their losses are enjoyed and borne by separate and distinct individuals, just as are the profits and losses of the owners of ships and merchandian and the are clear in the same control of the same clearly in the area clears in the same and merchandian and the area clears in the same control of the same clear in the same clear in the same clear in the same clear is not the same clear in the same c

more able to bear loss than the other, and the prejudice regarding corporations should not divert justice from its proper channels. The rights of insurers are not to be measured any more by their profits than losses; and if the for-mer were increased by the greater demand for their guarantees, their liability for losses be-come greater. Had our rebellion engaged us in oreign war, it is not difficult to suppose that

the i in of every marine insurance company would have ensued; so that, while they may have increased their profits, they incurrisk of bankruotcy. But the question bas been legally determined in every commercial country that salvage to the amount aid, when recovered, inures to the inurer. If an insured ship be raised from the deep, the manrer is as much entitled to recover his advances from a sale thereof as if he had, in paying for her loss, actually and by bill of sale, made purchase of the vessel, or such portion thereof as in case of recovery would remunerate him. This is no mere opinion, but law, as recognized by the highest authorities. Why, then, should prejudices be encouraged to the diverting of Congress from providing for the earliest lawful, just and equitable disposition of the Geneva award? I have no stock in any insurance company; but I feel an interest that the government shall act justly toward all.

Society.

The week just closing has been marked by many and pleasant festivities among the young folks. Happy school girls passing the holidays at home have had the pleasure of inviting their companions to dances. Miss Emily Chubb gave a small but most delightful party Christmas night to her friend, Miss Alice Brown, who is passing her vacation with Miss Chubb. -Friday night, Miss Slack, daughter of Major

Slack, gave a german. -Two of the most beautiful Christmas trees to be seen anywhere this year, were those enjoyed by the children at Mrs. Carlisle's, Christmas eve, and by those at Mrs. Richard Merrick's, on Christmas day, at noon. There was a new feature about the tree at Mrs. Carlisle's. Surrounding it was a grass plat, upon which sheep and cattle were grazing. This was encompassed by a beautiful miniature fence. Major Wright personated Santa Claus, and delivered an original poem, which he composed for the occasion. As Mr. Corcoran entered with his three grand children, Major Wright, in the character of Santa Claus, welcomed him in a neat and appropriate imprompta. Every child present was made happy by a beautiful gift. The repast was sumptuous, and the little ones frolicked until bed-time. At Mrs. Merrick's a similar scene was enacted. Mr. Mc-Guire, as an organ grinder, caused the greatest merriment among the happy little ones, who danced and frelicked to the music. And so the Christmas week has passed, leaving pleasant

remembrances that will never be effaced. - Many of the fashionable ladies were out calling yesterday, and there is an unusual preparation for the receptions next Wednesday. It is understood that all or nearly all the prominent officials, both national and territorial, together with a large number of private citizens. will be at home on that day, and the prospect is that the custom of making calls will be observed quite as generally this year as usual. - The Secretary of War will receive this year,

and other ladies. This reception will be held in the Johnson house, adjoining the Arlington -Senator and Mrs. Cole, of California, have with them this winter their daughter, and niece Miss Whiting. The family are guests at the Arlington, and on New Year's day the young

assisted by his niece, Miss Alida Worthington

ladies will receive with the Senator and Mrs. Cole, this being their debut in society. -Mrs. J. M. Carlisle will be assisted in receiving on New Year's day by Major Wright and his beautiful wife, who is a sister of Mrs. Carlisle; also, by Miss Kate Hopkins, who is a debutante, and Miss Margaret Preston, daughter of Gen. William Preston, of Ky., who was minister to Spain during the administration of

President Buchanan. -Mr. Horatio King and his accomplished daughter resume their literary reunions (by card invitations) on Saturday evening, the 4th of January. These entertainments have been most successfully conducted for four successive win-

-On Tuesday, Mr. Richard Stockton, son of Senator Stockton, gives a masquerade german at the house of his father.

- Miss Lizzie, daughter of Admiral Porter, gives a german, to which the young and unmarried alone are invited, on Wednesday even-

- Yesterday, Friday, December 27th, Mr. W. W. Corcoran celebrated the seventy-fourth anniversary of his birth-day, and we are glad to say that his health is such as to justify the hope

that he will be spared to enjoy many returns of - General Wager Swayne and his wife, and Mrs. Parsons, are the guests of their father

Justice Swayne, on K street. - The marriage of Gen. J. G. Foster and Miss Nannie Davis, which is to take place at St. Matthew's church on the evening of the 9th of January, will be quite a brilliant affair. The bride will be attended by five bridesmaids on the occasion, as follows: Misses Kate McIntyre, Lizzie Knowlton, Nattie Morgan, Annie Smith, and Kate Roach. The groomsmen have not been announced as yet, but it is understood that they are all army officers. After the wedding a reception will be held at the residence of the bride's brother, Mr. Lewis J. Davis, on M street, for the family only. The handsome and happy couple will be at the Arlington for the

The Temptations of the Season. Not only in Washington but all through the country there seems be a general effort to redeem the holiday season from the character of

Baltimore American commenting upon the fact "Within the last four or five years we have seen a perceptible change for the better from the customs of the past. As the bells have proclaimed in the stiliness of December nights the advent of succeeding Christmases, they have rang out the gradual abolition of the old and the incoming of the new, the death of a false euoyment of the season and the birth of true, rational and Christian appreciation of the time. In thousands of homes where but one or two years ago it was customary to hold and practice the idea that the highest dispensation of Christmas hospitalities consisted in tendering intoxicating liquors to friends, this season has witnessed festive boards that were innocent of anything stronger than coffee or chocolate And all concerned were the better for it. It seems so supremely nonsensical that there should be one or two days in the year when men may be licensed to become intoxicated in par-lors, where, if they showed themselves in such a condition at other times, they would probably have the doors shut in their faces, that the least application of common sense and decency to the subject ought to be the effective remedy of such subject ought to be the effective remedy of such an absurdity. It may seem very funny that young Jones should call on Smith with his head it all of the fumes of liquor and attempt to leave the parlor by way of the fire-place, or embrace a servant and call him 'my dear fellow,' but we don't believe it is the chief purpose of a Christian festival that it should allow a man to make a fool of himself. There is something after all in the control of society by principles of morality and refinement, and people who profess to follow such precepts for three hundred and sixty-four days in the year are degrading themselves when they infringe them on the three hundred and sixty-fifth by endeavoring to make men drunkards under the guise of hospitality."

oring to make men drunkards under the guise INTERESTING TO KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—It may be interesting to the Knights Templar to learn that the grand commander of the grand encampment in the United States has ordered the enforcement of the diet of 1862. Therefore now and henceforth all metallic buttons must be removed from the coats of Knights Templar and the black frock coats worn. Those having the present style of military coats buttoned up to the chin, need make no further change than the substitution of the lasting button for the the substitution of the lasting button for the brass one. But all procuring coats hereafter must have them of the usual every day pattern -simply black frock coats.

as are the profits and losses of the owners of ships and merchandise, and the one class is no sion for needle-work dogs.

Grace Greenwood Back Again. "Grace Greenwood" is back again after her

Pacific-side wanderings, and her bright pen figures once more in the "Washington Notes" of the New York Times. Here is the way Congress strikes her after her ab ence : " Mr. Cameron, the inimitable, the uncon-

querable, wears the same look he has worn for the last ten years, and glides about in the same somewhat worn, but has bated not one jot or title of his old lofty, imperious bearing. He smiles less frequently than formerly, but with the old pleasant, propitiating effect. He always had a smile of startling brightness, with some thing peculiarly unexpected and irresistible about it. Mr. Wilson bears on his hearty genial countenance a chastened look of triumph and seems none the worse for his mighty camraign labors. 'Our cousin of Buckingham wears the same benignant expression we have all known and loved him so long. Mr. Morrill, of Maine, reminds one more than ever of a fine old head on a Roman coin. Pleasant Mr. Morrill, of Vermont, is happily unchanged, and one is equally glad to see that his learned colleague wears still his look of chronic opposition and captionsness, distrust, and general dissatis-faction. Were he to look happy and confiding, and 'smile around right childly,' like, for instance, Senator Nye, we should think he was

rot long to be spared to us.
"Mr. Schurz, Mr. Fenton, and Mr. Trambul look a little the worse for the wear and tear of a disastrous, rough and tumble campaign, and the pitiless pelting of those Nast-y caricatures. I looked for Tipton, with his bristling hair and orbic mouth, but saw him not. Mr. Butler came into the Senate Chamber one day, and posed himself near where I once saw him stand on a memorable occasion, when his inopportune presence was taken as a grievous insult by Mr. Garrett Dayis, and there ensued a singular, silent duel of eyes between the two politicians, Mr. Butler having the advantage. Now, I almost looked to see a venerable ghost enter on the scene, glide like a bloodless Banque into the vacant chair of the dead Senator, and at last look the rash intruder down with eyes of in mortal ire.

"It gratifies me, I will say en passant, that Mr. Conkling has parted with none of his dainty jauntiness, or jaunty daintiness, and that Mr Pomeroy has lost none of his embonpoint."

Concerning the men at the other end of the Capitol she says: " I recognized first the mild face of Mr. Hoar which somehow reminded me of Mr. Greeley's next, Gen. Garfield's genial countenance, then Bingham's aquiline profile, aquiliner than ever, and Fernando Wood's snowy mustache, borne high in air, and Farnsworth's beard, shorn of haif its wealth and waggishness. There was immediately below us one peculiar, two-story head, that for some moments I failed to recognize. It was that of Gen. Banks, strangely silvered over with the frosts of a single year perhaps of a single night. Had the defeat o Liberalism anything to do with the startling change? Is it because the die is cast (away that this untimely whiteness crowns the head of the warrior statesman of Massachusetts? It is not unbecoming, on the whole. Indeed, the change in our pleasant friend which we least regret. One must get used to these transformations here in Washington. A few day ago we dropped into the Supreme Court room that solemn sanctuary of duliness and decorum and there we saw the Chief Justice in a new metamorphose, wearing a beard and mustache. grizzly and of considerable length. It strangely alters him. The Senator Chase of the old time has quite passed out of sight behind it. It is a new departure that I cannot like. It is not beautifying. Perhaps 'tis the result of a campaign vow, or wager-'Anything to beat

Passing through the old Hall of Representatives Grace cannot resist her stereotype fling a the Ream Lincoln. This sort of warrare upon the hard-working and really meritorious little artist is not quite worthy of a generous-hearted woman like Grace Greenwood, the more especially as she has had the toleration to warmly praise that fearful abortion, the Ames Lincoln, and also allows her heart to warm to ward those scarecrows, the statues of Rozer Sherman and Jonathan Trumbull, in the Statuary ball.

More About the Great Storm.

DISASTERS BY LAND AND SEA. Telegrams from various points North and South indicate that the snow of the past few days has created much inconvenience in local as well as general travel, to the great impediment of business. Trains were still reported behind hand yesterday at all leading centres. Street blockades were particularly severe in New York and in Philadelphia. In Baltimore there was much inconvenience, but no positive blocking up of street travel. In places further south, visited by the storm, the condition of local travel was very bad, and on all sides reports were forwarded of trains detained and other inconveniences incident to the occasion. Reports continue to come by telegraph of the

losses and sufferings cansed by the snow storm and the intense cold. The WRECKING OF A HALF-DOZEN STEAMERS by the ice gorge in the Mississippi river at Memphis, was mentioned in yesterday's STAR. The tremendous pressure swept them away from their moorings and crushed them up a though they were card board. A number of barges, containing nearly all the coal there was at Memphis, were carried down in the gorge, and yesterday the city was almost without coal. The total amount of loss in money is \$250,000. One firm lost \$130,000 worth of coal, and only three days supply are left in the city. The gas works are without a day's supply, and the dealers have advanced prices \$2 per barrel. Two men were crushed by the ice.

The water panic at Buffalo is over, and the city is now supplied as usual. Three persons were badly frozen in Brooklyn Thursday night, two of them fatally. The Chesapeake Bay is still partially blocked with ice, but yesterday a steamer from Norfolk succeeded in reaching Baltimore, and another got out for Boston. We are just beginning to

hearof THE EPPECTS OF THE GALE AT SEA. news of the wreck of three vessels on the Mass achusetts coasts and the loss of many lives having been received. The weather was clear in every section of the country yesterday afterneon, light snow being reported only from Omaha, Oswego, and one or two points in Canada. It was very cold, however, especially in New England the thermometer ranging 10 degrees above zero at Boston, 2 at Burlington and at Portland. At Baltimore, it was 21. at Chicago 17, Cincinnati 23, Detroit 21, Keokuk 11. St. Paul 3, and Montreal zero. New Orleanhad it down to freezing point, but it may afford us some comfort to know that at Key West it an orgie of dissipation and drunkenness. The was 63 degrees above zero.

THE SMALLPOX IN WASHINGTON .- The cities of Washington and Georgetown have a population of about 130,000, and the cases of smallpox recently reported run from one to seven a day This is regarded as a bad exhibit of the disease and as somewhat remarkable in view of the great width and scrupulous neatness and cleanliness of the city. An investigation of the matter by conferences with the leading physicians shows that there is not a single case of smallpox in the city of Georgetown, and that nearly every case that has occurred in the city of Washington this winter has appeared in the lower quarters of the city and among the most neglected classes of colored people. The distance between the houses here, and the abundance of parks or government reservations, the wide and clean streets, and the extensive character of local improvements, all act as sanitary precautions that the physicians say exclude the possibility where. The board of health throws its books open to the reporters, and every case, with name and residence and date of removal to hospital is published in the daily papers. This adds greatty to the fears of the timid, but acts as an additional precaution. The fact, however, remains that we are relatively as free from cases of small-pox as New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, or any large city .- Wash. Cor. N. Y. Jour

A MURDERER HANGED BY A CALIFORNIA Mos .- At Visalia, Cal., on Christmas day, a noted desperado, James McCrory, shot and killed Charles Allen. He was arrested by officers, and found armed to the teeth. An excited crewd assembled and tried to take the prisoner from the officers, but the latter succeeded in lodging the man in jail. A vigilance committee was organized at once, the sheriff and his deputies were overpowered, and McCrory was taken from the jail and hanged under a bridge near the prison. a bridge near the prison. THE WINTER IN VIRGINIA .- The snow storm

prevailed throughout Virginia on Christmaday and Thursday. The snow ranged in depth in different localities from five to ten inches, and nearly all railway travel was retarded. In the vicinity of Staunton the farmers are gathering ice six or seven inches in thickness, and the snow was ten inches deep. The Cheiness, and the snow was ten inches deep. The Christmas holidays were enlivened by fine sleighing. The snow was eight inches deep at Charlottesville. A clergyman told Boston to her face the other day that she was "the stronghold, the Sevastepol of rum."

TELEGRAMS TO THE STAR. This Afternoon's Dispatches. Associated Press Reports.

New York Notes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.-Larne's sash factory, in Brooklyn, was burned last night, with two tene-ment houses. Loss \$10,000 There was considerable suffering by the occupants of the houses thus turned into the streets.

THE WEATHER last night was quite cold and clear, and is moderating slightly this morning. There is considerable ice in the rivers and bay. in Goldsmith's lager beer saloon, on First ave-

BROADWAY, TO-DAY, is filled with carts and laborers removing the banks of snow. The principal ratiroad lines are rapidly clearing their tracks, and it is expected that by this afternoon the regular trains

will be running again. THE NASONIC LODGE OF SORROW in respect to the memory of brother Masons who have died during the past year, was held last evening at Irving Hall, with great solem-

THE SUB-COMMITTEE of the Louislana delegation yesterday waited upon many prominent merchants, with a view to enlisting their sympathies in matters in that

THE STEAMSHIP ADRIATIC, which sails to-day, goes to sea with only one and two-thirds of another blade of her propellers, not having replaced those lost on her late perilous trip from Liverpool to this port. Much anxiety is expressed at her leaving in this crippled condition. Among the passengers is Froude

the lecturer. PRECAUTIONS AGAINST PIRES IN THEATERS. The fire marshal, who lately made an inspection of the theaters of this city, reports but few of them in anything like an unsafe condition, and in the cases of those few, orders were given and carried out for requisite fire precautions. TREMENDOUS SEAS.

The steamship Thuringia, which arrived today, reports tremendous seas during the last ten days. The City of San Antonio, which arrived from Galveston to-day, shipped large quantities of water Thursday, split her foresail and stove her cabin doors. THE BANK STATEMENT shows a decline in loans of \$1,230,000, an increase in specie of \$4,468,700, a decrease in legal

tenders of \$3.507,100, a decrease in deposits of \$894,200, an increase in circulation of \$50,300. The statement shows a gain in reserves of DEPARTURE OF MINISTER WASHBURNE. The St. Laurent sailed to-day for Brest. Mr. Washburne is one of her passengers.

to-day elicited nothing new. From Europe To-Day.

STOKES' CROSS-EXAMINATION

THE CZAROWITCH OUT OF DANGER. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 28. It is officially announced that the Czarowitch is out of danger. London, Dec. 28 .- It is expected that 70,000 British coal miners will strike work the 1st of January.

LOST WITH ALL ON BOARD. The Amyntas was lost white on a voyage from Holyhead for Wadington, and every person on board perished. A SEVERE GALE

prevailed in the English channel yesterday. Several marine disasters are reported. POLITICS IN FRANCE. PARIS, Dec. 28.-The mayors of several communes of France have refused to placard the speech of Dufaure, minister of justice, delivered in the national assembly during the debate two weeks ago, on the petitions for the dissolution of that body. Dufaure, in his remaks, spoke ironically of Gambetta, whose speeches, he said, were the cause of needless agitations throughout the country, and the assembly, by a resolution, directed the placarding of the speech. It is probable that the action of the mayors in refusing to placard the speech will lead to the interpella tion of the government upon the meeting of the assembly after the holidays. France will pay Germany 200,000,000 francs of the war indemnity on the 1st of January, and will pay 75,000,000 each succeeding month until May next.

SHIPWRECK. London, Dec. 28—A dispatch from Hong Kong savs the ship Benares, which left that port September 12th for San Francisco, went ashore on the Loochoo Islands, and became a wreck. All the crew were doomed except five. The English gunboat Curlew has gone to the spot to render whatever assistance may be re-

The Etah Avalanche. TWELVE MEN BUBIED UNDER THE SNOW. SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. A .- But little additional intelligence has been received from the Cottonwood avalanche. It is asserted that twelve men are missing. The slide came from the mountains, a distance of a mile, with frightful speed and force. The storm prevalent prevented any warning of its approach until it was up on the line of teams passing at the point where it crossed the road. Men, mules, wagonand sacks of ore were carried away like wisps. The body of snow where the force of shovelers are at work is very large and the work of excavation is very slow. One dead body was recovered to-day. The storm continues-rain here and snow in the mountains. The Union Pacitic

train is nine hours late.

One of the Lowery Gang Shot Dead ALL GONE BUT ONE. NEW YORE, Dec. 28.—A dispatch from Wil-mington, N. C., of December 27th, states that Andrew Strong, one of the notorious outlaws of Scuffletown, was shot dead by a young man named Wilson, whom Strong warned to leave the place. The bedy was delivered to the sheriff, who immediately paid Wilson \$1,000 for it, which is the standing reward offered by the county for any of the Lowery gang, dead or alive. Wilson is also entitled to \$50,000 reward from the state, as the only villain of the gang now alive is Stere Lowery.

Death of a Prisoner to be Investigated PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—The coroner's jury to-day rendered a verdict that John Tweedie died from violence received at the hands of Police Sergeant John A. Rogers, while the former was a prisoner in a cell at the station house on December 11. Tweedle was arrested on a charge of drunkenness, but it is believed that he was suffering from a fit.

Fire in Illinois. CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—A fire occurred at Abing-don, Knex county, Itl., last night, which destroyed the dry goods store of B. Bradbury, the boot and shoe store of Marshall & Chipman.

The fire was the work of an incendiary. Two Men Scalded to Death CINCINNATI, Dec. 28 .- James Ventres and Andrew Diles, workmen in the Bellefont Iron Works, at Ironton, Ohio, were scalded to death yesterday while cleaning the botler. The engineer, supposing it had been disconnected

one residence and two or three small shops.

The loss is estimated at \$15,000; partly insured.

Sleighing in Philadelphia. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28 .- Most of the street ears have resumed their trips with double teams. The sleighing is tine on the outskirts of the city, and Broad street is alive with sleighs The weather is splendid and the cold has greatly moderated. Trains are warriving with but

turned on the steam while the men were in the

boiler.

Naval Appropriations.

New York, Dec. 28.—It is stated that the House appropriation committee yesterday approved of the appropriation of \$750,000 for five compound engines, and they will probably be constructed in New York and Philadelphia. There only remains an appropriation of \$700,000 for the naval marine corps.

Epizoo in the Indian Territory. St. Louis, Dec. 28 -A dispatch from Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, says the epizootic has appeared there, and nearly all the government animals are affected. The weather is extremely cold. All the rivers in that section are free over with six inches of ice.

Reported Recall of the Italian Minis.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—It is reported that Count Corti, Italian Minister at Washington, has been recalled. If true there will be a vacancy in the British-American claims commission. A Steamer Jammed in the Ice.

New York, Dec. 28.—The Benjamin E. McLeod, from Pobago, is jammed in by ice between the Highlands and Sandy Hook, having lost her anchors, chains, etc., and drifted away. Tugs have been sent to her assistance. CINCINNATI, Dec. 28.—The steamer Andy Baum, sunk yesterday at Memphis, was owned here, and was valued at \$45,000; insured for

THE FRESHET IN THE WEST he River Still Rising at Memphis.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 28.-A dispatch from emphis this morning says the river has risen ghteen inches since dark last night and is now sing rapidly. The river is almost choked with cating ice, which is heavier to-day than that which passed down yesterday, and has cut its e ow Jefferson street. Two barges of coal, one owned by the gas company, were sunk by a wave from the gorge of Randolph landing this morning. Should the gorge break away soon, as is now anticipated, the West Wind, Belle Pike and R. P. Walt will go down in sixty or severally feet of water and its collection. seventy feet of water, and it will be impossible to save the dry docks, the forry beat Excelsion, the wharf boat belonging to Captain Patterson, and the steamer Helen Brooks

A Steamboat Crushed by the Ice NEW YORK, Dec. 28 - A Memphis special says the steamer Celeste, while trying to land at the foot of Island No. 25. Thesday merning, was struck by a mass of floating |ce and split into fragments, and sunk " in a cargo of corn and

cotton worth from \$50,000 to \$60,000, the officers, cape in life boats. The steamer was worth \$2,000, and was not insured. Her passengers walk, I sixty miles across the country to Browns, "de, saffering intensely from cold and exhaustion. Two hundre, thousand bushels of coal were

caught, with the loss of 100 bales. Over firty barges and fiat boats were wree 'ed. The Belle Pike had 750 bales of cotton on board. The West Wind was worth \$10,000, the Undine, \$10,000; and the Summer Coon, \$5,00d. From nue, this morning, caused damage to the extent the latter 5,000,000 feet of lumber, in logs, were swept away. Later .- Further advices from Memphis state that the Beile Pike has settled nearly to her boiler deck. The wrecking boat Eckert is re-

New York, Dec. 28.-Havanna papers of the out in the Canca, headed by the Bishop of Paste, against President Mosquera, growing out of the latter designating General Santo Colona as his (Mosquera's) successor. Santo Colona is in command of the government.

dor, is crupting, and it is feared many valuable coffee plantations will be destroyed.

has been seriously inundated, many people

Adrian, with six new coaches, was burned last

New York, Dec. 28.-A Boston special sava the number of lives lost by the sinking of the Peruvian is 25. The ship had a cargo valued at nearly \$1,000,000, consisting of costly products frem the West Indics.

physician visiting him twice a day. The Next Speaker of the House. NEW YORK, Dec. 28 .- Mr. Wheeler, of New York, has withdrawn in favor of Mr. Blaine for the Speakership.

AFFAIRS IN CHASLESTON. The Holiday Season in the City by

[Correspondence of The Star.] CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 25, 1872. Dear Star: Here we are, in the very midst of the festivities common to this occasion. It is a cold and dreary day outside, and, having sometime at my disposal, to what better use can I put it than fulfilling a resolution, made a month 8 p. m., can scarcely be styled "no thorough-fare;" "South Battery," the street along the water's edge, on which allof the "big bugs" reside, and for which, in summer, King street is completely deserted by the promenadors; and

, I am sorry to say, rather "passee." On Broad street can be seen some fine build. ings. Walking on this street, in an easterly direction, St. Michael's Church, at the corner of Meeting, is the first prominent structure to meet your eye. It has, even in its present fold and weather beaten garb of dark brown, the appearance of a grand edifice, with its high spire, the steeple of which has, (and has had, from time immemorial,) the honor of helding the town clock, whose four faces, up on high are landmarks to every citizen. A set of chimes are also attached to this steeple, and on Sundays and public bolidays they make the air, for a long ways 'round, resonant with their melodious sounds. They remind me, often, of those belonging to one whom the Capital irreverently styled "The Right Reverend Major-General John P. Newman, with the chimesattached." Passing along, easterly, the principal office of the W. U. Telegraph company comes in sight. It is a substantial two story brick structure. Further on, between Church street and East bay, stands, in its plain, unostentatious grandeur, the office of the Charleston News, a three-story building of solid granite. Its door and windows (all very wide) are set in oak, which contrasts beautifully with the material of which it is built. On again, at the corner of East Bay, is found the large brown stone building, known as Trenbolm's Bank, and across the street, fronting Broad, is the post office, an oblong building, painted brown, with its bright faced clock in its cupela, and on each side thereof floating the American flag. East Bay is Charleston's commercial street, the eastern side of which along its entire length from north to south is dotted with wharves, in andout of which drays loaded to their utmost with cotton bales and other commodities stream in continuons numbers. The city to-day is very quiet. Business is, or course, all suspended, and the

THE CHRISTMAS COLD SNAP IN C The present bitterly cold snap has the ad no parallel in Chicago since the 1st of Jahuary, 1864. on that morning a furious fanuary, 1864, storm prevailed, and the the storm prevailed to the storm prevaile rented it, and paid for their temerity with frozen ears and noses. The thermometer yesterday morning in some places marked as low as 20 below zero; but, fortunately for comfort, the wind was comparatively light. Had such a gale and storm prevailed as accompanied the cold spell eight years ago, it would have re-sulted in virtually suspending both travel and business.—Chicago Tribune, 25th.

THE EARTHQUAKES IN THE NORTHWEST .-THE FARTBOUAKES IN THE NORTHWEST.—
The earthquake shecks of December 14th, on
the northwestern coast, are said to have been
the first ever lelt so far north. They do not
appear to have been very severe, and caused
but little damage. In Portland, Oregon, chandeliers vibrated and clocks were stopped.
Shocks were felt at intervals in Aurora, Oregon
City and other towns on the Columbia river,
as well as at Umatilla, Dailes, and Wallula. At
the latter place the first shock was heavy, last-

Boston is having a hard time of it. It has the smallpex badly, and just had a hospital nearly finished for the purpose of gathering the disease out of boarding-houses and street cars, when this snow storm came along and buried the city all up, while under cover of the chiliy blanket the smallpox hospital burns down.

tor's only son, who receives but \$50,00) from an estate estimated as high as \$2,000,000.

in the barges sun k at Memphis. The Glasgow, loaded with sugar a. d molasses, from New Orleans for St. Louis. "as badly broken. The Arlington, with 1,500 t wies of cotton, broke seven hawsers and was concided down, but was

moving her cargo consisting of 756 bales of cotton of which over half has been saved Should the boat hold up during the day the remainder will be saved. All the cabin furniture and state room doors have been removed. She was valued at \$30,000 and is insured for \$25,000 in Pittsburg and Wheeling offices instead of in New Albaby as reported. Everything will be saved except her hull. From South and Central America. THE USUAL REVOLUTION.

17th instant state that a revolution has broken

troops, and it is reported that an engagement has already occurred. of Santana, of the northern part of San Salva-

being drowned and much proper y destroyed. More Fires. DETROIT, Dec. 28 .- The Adrian car works, at

night. Loss \$75,000. One hundred and fifty men are thrown out of employment. TEOY, N. Y., Dec. 28.-H. Arnold & Co.'s print works, at North Adams, were burned yesterday morning. Loss, \$150,000; insurance, \$100,000. Two bundred hands are thrown out of employment. Twenty-five Lives Lost by the Sink-

Mr. Sumner's Health Precarious. NEW YORK, Dec. 28 - A Washington sp states that Sumper's health is precarious, his

ago, to write a short descriptive letter regarding this city to my old, old friend, during my soourn in W-that friend, the sight of whose familiar face gladdens my eyes every day-" Ta EVENING STAR." Charleston, let me appris you first, is, save in a commercial point of view. a miserable town. I know well, that in sayin this, I am placing myself under the ban of this community; but "truth is truth, and will prevail." There are but five streets in any way decent, as regards cleanliness, &c., in this socalled "City by the Ses," viz: "Meeting," on which all the wholesale trade is conducted: "King," the retail boulevard, and, in winter, the regular promenade; "Broad," the street devoted to banking and real estate, (with some general stores also,) at the east end of which is the post office, (of which, more hereafter.) the west the water, and which, between 8 a. m. and

Rutledge avenue, which ranks (socially speak

ing) next to South Battery, and is built up only

by private residences. The rest of Charleston

only seunds in hearing are the explosions of squibs and crackers.

as well as at Umatilla, Dalles, and Wallula. At the latter place the first shock was heavy, lasting fifty seconds, and was followed by five lighter ones. During their continuance the thermometer fell from thirty to twenty-six degrees. At Seattle the schook was very heavy, frame buildings being shaken to and fro like small vessels at sea. The earthquake was also felt at Victoria, Vancouvers Island.

NUTS FOR THE LAWYERS.—The will of Ed-ward Harris, of Woonsocket, R. L., is to be con-tested by David Harris, of New York, the testa-

Half a dozen Iowa school-girls, in an advanced sewing class, recently basted their teacher so that he found his shirt all gore,